



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held June 17, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich:

“According to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA):
‘About one-third of the adult homeless population have served their Country in the Armed Services. Current population estimates suggest that about 154,000 veterans (male and female) are homeless on any given night and perhaps twice as many experience homelessness at some point during the course of a year.’

“The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority 2007 Homeless Count, indicates there are approximately 17,463 homeless veterans in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LACoC). The LACoC includes all areas of the County except for the cities of Long Beach, Glendale and Pasadena, and includes an estimated 68,608 homeless people.

“The VA’s ‘CHALENG 2006 Survey’ estimates that there are 21,424 homeless veterans, and 5,825 chronically homeless veterans in the Greater Los Angeles area.

“On April 16, 2008, VA Secretary James B. Peake announced that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the VA will provide supportive housing for an estimated 10,000 homeless veterans through a new \$75 million, *‘HUD’s Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH)’*. This significant supportive housing program will match HUD Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers with VA supportive services and case management.

“New York City and the Greater Los Angeles area have received the largest number of HUD-VASH vouchers. Eight hundred forty HUD-VASH vouchers have been allocated to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles. An additional 70 HUD-VASH vouchers have also been granted to the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach. It is anticipated that a new allocation of 10,000 HUD-VASH vouchers will be funded in 2008-2009. With more than 17,463 homeless veterans spread throughout the 88 cities of the County of Los Angeles, the County must pursue region-wide opportunities to access the HUD-VASH vouchers.”

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Therefore, Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich made a recommendation that the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority be instructed to:

1. Diligently pursue an allotment of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program vouchers during the next round of allocations; and
2. Provide monthly status reports on the efforts to secure HUD-VASH vouchers for homeless veterans throughout the County of Los Angeles.

Supervisor Knabe made a suggestion that Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich's recommendation be amended to ensure that coordinated efforts with the City of Long Beach be reflected within the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority's monthly reports. Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich accepted Supervisor Knabe's amendment.

At the suggestion of Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich, and on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority was instructed to:

1. Diligently pursue an allotment of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program vouchers during the next round of allocations; and
2. Provide monthly status reports to the Board on the efforts to secure HUD-VASH vouchers for homeless veterans throughout the County of Los Angeles, including coordinated efforts with the City of Long Beach.

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